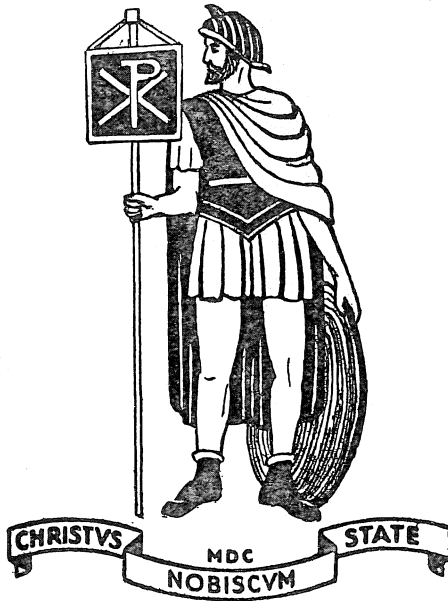


The

# Alcester Grammar



# School Record

December, 1953

# Alcester Grammar School Record

---

No. 106

DECEMBER, 1953.

---

EDITOR : MR. V. V. DRULLER.

COMMITTEE :

Ann Palmer, Ann Swinglehurst, Beryl Pope, Davis, Bolt i, Lancaster i,  
Pinfield.

---

## DEATH OF MR. E. WELLS

It is with the deepest regret that we have to report the death of Mr. E. Wells, Headmaster of Alcester Grammar School from 1912 to 1933, at Oxford on November 11th, at the age of 82. The sympathy of all is extended to Mrs. Wells and their two daughters. A tribute to Mr. Wells will appear in our next issue.

For the information of those Old Scholars who wish to send their own messages of sympathy, Mrs. Wells' address is : "Stoneycroft," Hill View, Headington, Oxford.

---

## OLD SCHOLARS' GUILD

*President :*  
Mrs. M. Feast.

*Treasurer :*  
G. P. Baylis.

The Reunion will be held on Saturday, December 19th. Dinner will be at 7.30 p.m., after which there will be a business meeting and then dancing from 9.0 p.m. until midnight. As there is now no annual membership fee—after the initial payment of 5s.—it has been decided that the evening will cost 6s. 6d.

Old Scholars will be grieved to learn of the death of Mr. Wells, which took place on Wednesday, November 11th, at the age of 82. Our President, Mrs. M. Feast, attended the funeral on Saturday, November 14th, and a wreath was sent from the Old Scholars' Guild. No doubt an appreciation will appear in the *Record*, but we feel that we would like to add our tribute to one who was not only a highly-respected headmaster but also a valued friend.

The interest which Mr. Wells took in his scholars did not cease upon their leaving school, but was continued throughout their careers. To those of us who knew him he will remain a perfect example of high honour and unerring leadership: a man who always held before him the motto of the school for which he worked so hard and achieved so much, *Christus Nobiscum Stare*.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Wells and family in their bereavement.

N. M. WILLIAMS and J. MAHONEY,  
*Hon. Secretaries.*

### BIRTHS

- On February 10th, to Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Paddon (née Dorothy Gale)—a son.  
On July 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. B. Baldwyn (née Ann Aspinwall)—a son.  
On August 2nd, to Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Betteridge (née Winifred Gander-ton)—a son.  
On September 14th, to Mr. and Mrs. A. Davis (née Mary Slaughter)—a son.  
On October 6th, to Mr. and Mrs. O. Ridley (née Betty Baylis)—a daughter.  
On November 9th, to Mr. and Mrs. E. Rees (née Margaret Crouch)—a daughter.

\* \* \*

### MARRIAGES

- On June 14th, at Inkberrow, Raymond George Savage (scholar, 1934-37) to Margaret Cooper.  
On June 20th, at Gottenberg, Sweden, Kristian Lennart Skoldborg to Kathleen Elizabeth Hemming (scholar, 1936-43).  
On June 27th, at Erdington, Ronald E. Evans (scholar, 1942-49) to Marie James.  
On July 11th, at Alcester, David John Greenaway to Pauline Brenda James (scholar, 1941-44).  
On July 14th, at Tardebigge, Geoffrey A. Baylis (scholar, 1941-46) to Valerie Smith (scholar, 1942-47).  
On July 18th, at Shotton, John Henry Faulkner to Beryl Jensen (scholar, 1943-47).  
On August 3rd, at Sittingbourne, Victor Evelyn Stone (scholar, 1940-46) to Christine Mary Mills.  
On August 15th, at Redditch, Geoffrey Thomas Cale (scholar, 1941-45) to Joan Elizabeth Griffin.  
On August 15th, at Astwood Bank, John Malcolm Rattue (scholar, 1941-44) to Gwendoline May Knight (scholar, 1943-47).  
On August 29th, at Studley, Henry George Brookes to Margaret Ann Cund (scholar, 1944-50).  
On September 5th, at Stratford-on-Avon, Richard Fitzsimmons to Barbara Joan Hewlett (scholar, 1944-48).

- On September 10th, at Tanworth-in-Arden, William Roy Cox to Diana Jill Hood (scholar, 1945).  
 On September 12th, at Bidford-on-Avon, Jack Edward Nunn (scholar, 1941-46) to Rhoda Evelyn Cox.  
 On September 19th, at Bidford-on-Avon, George Richard Drinkwater (scholar, 1942-47) to Doreen Evelyn Margaret Green (scholar, 1947-50).  
 On September 26th, at Studley, E. S. Watson to Eleanor Margaret Pinfield (scholar, 1944-48).  
 On October 17th, at Studley, Donald Portman to Jean Monica Cheadle (scholar 1943-46).  
 On October 17th, at Enfield, Robert George Woodfield (scholar, 1943-47) to Joan Doreen Bennett.

## SCHOOL REGISTER

### VALETE

- \*Aalbregt, J. A. V. K. (VI.), 1940-53.  
 \*Aspinwall, P. M. E. (VI.), 1941-53.  
 \*Druller, B. J. (VI.), 1942-53.  
 \*Elmore, P. M. (VI.), 1946-53.  
 \*Feast, W. H. L. (VI.), 1941-53.  
 \*Highman, K. J. (VI.), 1947-53.  
 \*Savage, J. A. W. (VI.), 1946-53.  
 \*Aspinwall, J. S. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Bennett, M. J. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 \*Bryan, M. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Davis, J. A. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Dearden, E. A. (V.A), 1951-53.  
 Hartley, G. M. (V.A), 1951-53.  
 \*Lane, P. (V.A), 1947-53.  
 Leadbetter, D. T. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Newick, M. E. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Norton, K. M. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Parker, R. M. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Roberts, J. M. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Salmons, M. (V.3), 1948-53.  
 \*Salmons, S. M. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Skinner, C. R. (V.A), 1948-53.

- Smith, J. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Taylor, S. M. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Trout, I. R. (V.A), 1948-53.  
 Bullingham, S. A. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Cottrill, B. D. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Gibbs, L. A. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Gillett, G. W. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Gould, D. M. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Hancox, D. M. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Keyte, J. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Malin, N. E. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Shakes, C. J. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Vernon, K. J. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Wellum, P. A. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Wilkes, H. M. (V.B), 1948-53.  
 Foort, M. W. (IV.A), 1949-53.  
 Hall, P. (IV.A), 1950-53.  
 Lett, J. A. (IV.A), 1949-53.  
 Beesley, Y. V. (IV.B), 1949-53.  
 Grummett, R. K. (IV.B), 1949-53.  
 Hall, J. (II.A), 1951-53.  
 Peach, G. H. (II.B), 1951-53.

\* Prefect.

### SALVETE

- Ashton E. A. (I.A).  
 Banks, J. M. (I.A).  
 Barnsdale, J. S. M. (I.A).  
 Bat-ford, P. A. (I.A).  
 Beale, D. W. (I.B).  
 Biddle, J. M. (I.B).  
 Bridgeman, J. L. (I.A).  
 Bullock, R. F. (I.A).  
 Burton, C. (I.A).  
 Clark, P. P. (I.B).  
 Clews, G. (I.A).  
 Connolly, T. G. (I.B).  
 Cooke, A. G. (I.B).  
 Dale, P. E. (II.A).  
 Danks, C. L. (I.B).  
 Davis, W. F. (I.B).  
 Dibble, D. F. (I.B).  
 Dyson, S. A. (I.A).  
 Evans, R. C. (I.A).  
 Gee, B. (I.B).  
 Good, P. A. (I.B).  
 Green, M. A. (I.B).

- Guise, P. A. (I.A).  
 Harper, L. R. (I.B).  
 Harris, J. S. (I.A).  
 Heighway, J. M. (I.B).  
 Hemming, M. M. (I.A).  
 Heyes, H. A. (I.B).  
 Higley, C. M. (I.B).  
 Hopkins, A. E. (I.B).  
 Horton, M. J. (I.B).  
 Hygate, P. (I.B).  
 James, J. F. (I.A).  
 Jenkins, E. M. (I.A).  
 Jones, B. E. (I.A).  
 Kerr, N. (I.B).  
 Lancaster, A. D. (I.A).  
 Langston, S. A. (I.A).  
 Lazarus, J. R. (I.A).  
 Lea, M. B. (III.A).  
 Lloyd, A. C. (I.B).  
 Meddins, G. R. (I.A).  
 Melville, R. S. (I.A).  
 Mills, R. A. (I.B).

- Millward, M. H. (I.B).  
 Moore, E. C. (I.A).  
 Nutbeam, R. (I.B).  
 Palmer, P. M. (I.B).  
 Parton, J. M. (I.B).  
 Patterson, R. A. (I.A).  
 Price, M. (I.B).  
 Ridgewell, C. (I.B).  
 Roberts, N. A. (I.B).  
 Rogers, M. P. (I.A).  
 Ross, J. (I.A).  
 Ross, N. C. (I.A).  
 Russell, P. F. (I.A).  
 Shakes, J. W. (I.A).  
 Sheppard, J. A. (I.A).  
 Smith, E. (I.A).  
 Such, E. P. (I.A).  
 Vondrak, C. M. (I.A).  
 Wainwright, P. C. (I.B).  
 Webster, D. (IV.B).  
 Westwood, Y. F. (I.B).  
 Yates, W. B. (I.B).

*Admitted last Term—*

Tagger, A. (II.B).

There have been 309 pupils in attendance this Term.

### OLD SCHOLARS' NEWS

Mrs. E. L. Greig (née Edith Clark) has been spending a holiday in Australia. At Canberra she met the Prime Minister, and was shown round his residence by Mrs. Menzies. She also attended a sitting at the Houses of Parliament.

Among successes at the Universities, we are pleased to record the following: C. J. E. Kempster, B.Sc. (natural sciences) with 2nd class honours at Cambridge; J. Dance, B.Sc. (chemistry), with 2nd class honours at Birmingham; Dorothy Rose, B.A. (history), with 3rd class honours at London; H. E. Hadwen, teacher's diploma at Birmingham.

M. L. Caton was awarded a State Scholarship from Torquay G.S.

V. Adkins obtained a half-blue for lacrosse at Oxford.

Sheila Woolley is now a member of the W.R.N.S.

Wendy Lovell has been adjudged the best all-round recruit in the Women's Recruit Training Centre for the W.R.A.F. at Winslow.

Peggy Gibson has gained the certificate of the Nursery Nurses' Board. She is now a Staff Nurse at St. Christopher's College, Tunbridge Wells.

Anne Edwards has been adjudged the best Cadet Nurse at Stratford-on-Avon Hospital.

On November 11th, Kathleen Wilson addressed a meeting of the Church Assembly at Church House, Westminster.

### FATHER LAYS THE LINOLEUM

"What could be simpler?" said father. "All you have to do is to measure accurately and cut out the pattern of the floor from the linoleum."

After dinner the following day we began preparing the room for the laying of the colourful-patterned linoleum, under father's strict supervision. The first thing was to remove all the furniture from the living-room to the kitchen. This was done with great speed, and father arranged the furniture so that it could all be crammed into the kitchen.

As father was just about to begin the actual laying of the material, there was a knock at the back door. "I'll see who it is," said father. But he had not left access to the door. With a shrug of his shoulders he climbed over the piano and the sideboard, smashing a china tea-cup displayed on the latter, and opened the door, only to find that the caller had assumed that no-one was at home and had gone away.

Then father took the scissors and started to cut along the pencil-line he had drawn. "This lino is as soft as putty. They don't make it half so tough and hard-wearing as they did before the war," remarked father. But he regretted saying it when deep impressions of the scissors appeared in his hands.

After about an hour's cutting, father stood up, rubbing his bruised hand and said that the material was now ready to be tacked to the floor. "Fetch the hammer and tin-tacks!" he commanded. I obediently climbed over the piano and the sideboard, fetched the required tools, climbed back again and presented them to father.

Father, full of confidence, took the first tack in his left hand, the hammer in his right, and dealt his thumb a hefty blow. He let out a howl, jumped backwards on to the cat's tail, and the cat, not knowing who had injured it, started biting and scratching me. From then on it was my job to hold the tacks while father wielded the hammer. When we had finished, my thumb and index finger no longer felt part of my body.

At last it was down. "How about that for speed?" said father triumphantly.

"Where are the scissors?" asked mother. Then began the long search for the scissors, which ended abruptly when mother noticed a bulge in the linoleum which closely resembled the shape of a pair of scissors. Father was livid! He pulled up the lino, recovered the scissors, and tacked it down again.

"As the old saying goes," said mother, "'More haste, less speed'." But father was in no mood for old sayings. He threw down the scissors in disgust, making a large, ugly hole right in the centre of our shining, new linoleum.

R. D. LANCASTER (V.A).

### **"A MAGNIFICENT SPECTACLE"**

The days of pageantry and splendour are usually associated only with the past, but for nine nights, in the glorious setting of Warwick Castle's grounds the pages of history were turned back with the intent to remind everyone that a new Elizabethan era had begun. What, indeed, could be more fitting to celebrate that historical day of splendour than an historical pageant?

The pageant was divided into ten episodes, and each one was produced by various districts in the county. The first episode was "The Arrival of Ethelfreda to the Village of Warwick" and, although the latter caused great excitement amongst the villagers in the arena, I felt that their enthusiasm was not shared by the members of the audience. Most people—if not still browsing through their programmes—were too busy pulling their rugs and macs about them to bother whether King Alfred's daughter should choose to build a fortress at Warwick in 915 A.D.

With the exit of the victorious Ethelfreda and her Danish captives, the arena was set for "The Trial by Duel at Gosford Green." This title was misleading for, as all Shakespeare lovers will know, the tournament between Henry of Lancaster and Thomas Mowbray was stopped by Richard II when he suddenly decided to banish them both instead. The gaily-dressed townspeople of Coventry streamed out of the arena, leaving it clear for the people of Sutton Coldfield, who flocked in to await the arrival of the Royal party—Henry VIII. and Anne Boleyn—who were hunting in the forest. Apart from the picturesque scene made by the mounted courtiers and the excited townspeople, expertly controlled by the verderers in their striking red gowns, this episode proved to be rather dull, for it ended with Henry granting the town a charter of free government, but there was not enough action to keep the episode interesting.

Episode four—"The Betrayal of the Duke of Suffolk"—told the story of how Henry Grey, Duke of Suffolk, was betrayed by one of his own gardeners, who had been urged into doing so by his wife when she learnt that there was a reward for Henry Grey's capture. The latter was forced to leave his hiding-place—an oak tree—and was led to his death in the Tower by Queen Mary's troops.

From the reign of Queen Mary, the pageant moved to that of Queen Elizabeth I. This fifth episode was based upon the occasion of Elizabeth I's visit to Kenilworth Castle at the request of Lord Leicester. The entertainment that was presented for Her Majesty's pleasure was a splendid sight to watch. Around the dais in the centre of the arena was a mass of colour, with the magnificently-dressed courtiers and attendants, the simply but gaily-clothed townspeople, the dancers, the seven gods who presented their gifts to the Queen, and the partakers in the mock wedding feast. All succeeded in impressing not only their Queen but their critical audience also.

In the next episode, Queen Elizabeth I was again entertained, but this time at her own command. For William Shakespeare had been ordered to produce a scene from his new play, "Henry V," before Her Majesty. The scene chosen was where Henry V courts and wins his French princess, Katherine.

If many complained that there was far too much talking and not enough action in this episode, everyone must have enjoyed the seventh episode—"The Field of Edgehill"—for it contained nothing but action. The lights in the arena were dimmed, and in trundled the unsuspecting Parliamentary baggage train. It drew to a halt. Suddenly, shots were heard, and Prince Rupert, with his gallant Cavaliers, swept across the arena and encircled the surprised Roundheads. The Cavaliers looked very dashing with their wigs and beards, and gay cloaks and saddle-cloths, as they hastily plundered the baggage-train.

One of the most outstanding episodes was the arrival of Tom Brown at Rugby. A post-horn announced the approaching stage-coach, and as it drove round the arena I thought how much more exciting it would be, how more romantic, to travel to school in a stage-coach than in an ordinary "Stratford Blue" or Midland "Red"! A gentleman on his "hobby-horse" caused great amusement amongst the audience. I wonder what he would think of the present-day motor-bike?

While Tom was greeted by his friend East and his headmaster, Dr. Arnold, the Rugby football posts were erected in preparation for the ensuing game between the School House and the School. After a very hilarious beginning, the match ended as young Tom threw himself upon the ball, so preventing a try and ensuring that his school days at Rugby would indeed be memorable.

The last episode was, in my opinion, the most colourful of them all. The first scene portrayed the Coronation year of Queen Victoria, and because the latter had granted permission for Leamington Spa to be called Royal Leamington Spa, the townspeople were rejoicing. The Victorian costumes were very outstanding, with the ladies in their wide

crinolines and fussy bonnets, flaunting gay parasols, and the gentlemen immaculate in their top hats and tails. The soft blues, pinks, greens and golds contrasted admirably with the more severe dark clothing of the men. The arrival of the town band in its red and gold uniform added extra charm and colour to a very colourful scene. The townspeople of Leamington Spa again had occasion to wear their Sunday best in the last scene of the final episode, when they joyously welcomed their Queen and her husband to their town.

The last episode over, the arena was plunged into darkness, and the audience fell silent as it awaited the "Grand Finale." The only light was that given off by the flickering flames of the torches as the torch-bearers took their places. Then, suddenly, the arena was flooded with light, and each cast in the ten episodes filed into their positions until all the performers were standing in a vast semi-circle around the arena. After the epilogue had been spoken by Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria, and all the players had processed round the arena in the march past, the pageant ended.

History's passing show was over, but I felt certain that it would vividly remain for a very long time in the minds of all who had witnessed this magnificent spectacle.

MAVIS A. BENNETT.

### OLLA PODRIDA

An accumulator, according to M.T., has a positive and an impositive knob.

\* \* \*

Wild rabbits, writes M.D., live in a borough.

\* \* \*

He noticed the footprints of a bear-footed man, writes A.R.

\* \* \*

P.S. informs us that a building where goods are made is called a goodsmonger's.

\* \* \*

By picking up a wire, says P.W., you can tell when there is electricity in it.

\* \* \*

In our arm, says M.B., there are biceps, triceps and forceps.

\* \* \*

In Albania there is, on the authority of C.B., a very high standard of illiteracy.

\* \* \*

A parabola, writes P.D., is half of an eclipse.

\* \* \*

Aeroplanes are housed, says V.L., in a hanging-shed.

\* \* \*

Citizens record their votes, P.W. informs us, in a ballad-box.

\* \* \*

B.D. has shown us how to join sentences by using objectional clauses.



**NOTES AND NEWS**

The Autumn Term opened on Tuesday, September 8th, and closes on Tuesday, December 22nd.

\* \* \*

The Head Boy is Peace, and the Head Girl Ann Palmer.

\* \* \*

Prefects this Term are—*Boys*: Peace, Bolt i, Goward, Mortimore, Paxton, Davis, Keyte i, Miller, Cleeton, Cooper, Dormand, Hockney; *Girls*: Ann Palmer, Mary Bunting, Sheila Hall, Jill Bunting, Sheila Winspear, Patricia Palmer, Sheila George, Sally Merris, Barbara Harrison, Audrey Digby, Ann Lidgely, Beryl Pope.

\* \* \*

The Football Captain is Peace, the Hockey Captain Sheila Winspear, and the Netball Captain Sheila George.

\* \* \*

Merris was selected as a member of the Under-15 Warwickshire Schools Cricket XI.

\* \* \*

A country-dance party was held in the afternoon of Friday, July 17th.

\* \* \*

On the same evening a large party of pupils attended the Warwickshire pageant.

\* \* \*

On Monday, July 20th, a party, organised by Mr. Petherbridge, visited the Peak District of Derbyshire.

\* \* \*

In a tennis match between Staff and Sixth Form, played on Tuesday, July 21st, the Staff won by 200 games to 143. The Staff were represented by Mr. Davison and Miss Young, Mrs. Davison and Mrs. Baker, Mr. Hadwen and Miss Smith, Mr. Petherbridge and Miss Evans, M. Leroy and Mrs. Petherbridge, Mr. Thornton and Mrs. Stephenson, Miss Hewitt and Miss Morris.

\* \* \*

The picture for the neatest Form room was awarded to IIB.

\* \* \*

Last Term we said farewell to Mr. Ames, Mrs. Stephenson, Mrs. Baker and Mrs. Rance.

\* \* \*

At the beginning of this Term Mr. R. Winter joined the Staff to teach boys games and physical exercises, and Miss E. M. Houghton to teach biology. The domestic science is being shared by Mrs. S. Collins and Mrs. Bullock.

\* \* \*

The Form rooms and laboratories are now distinguished by the numbers 1 to 14.

\* \* \*

A Company of Girl Guides has been started at School this Term.

In the final of the Tennis Challenge Cup competition, on Wednesday, July 23rd, Pat Aspinwall beat Barbara Druller 1-6, 8-6, 6-3.

\* \* \*

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bell on the birth of their second daughter.

\* \* \*

The boys' medical inspection took place on September 29th and 30th, and that of the girls on October 8th, 14th and 15th.

\* \* \*

A lecture on "House Furnishings" was given to girls of Forms VI, V and IV by Miss Lennard.

\* \* \*

On Tuesday, October 13th, films were shown in the morning to Forms VI and V, and in the afternoon to Form I by Aims of Industry, Ltd.

\* \* \*

Best wishes to Miss Lavery on the occasion of her marriage to Mr. J. Harrison on October 26th.

\* \* \*

It is hoped to organise a school trip to France or Switzerland during the summer holidays for members of Forms IV and upward, provided that there is sufficient support. About ten names have so far been received.

\* \* \*

The Half-Term holiday was taken on Friday, October 30th, and Monday, November 2nd.

\* \* \*

On the results of the Oxford General Certificate examinations held in July, a County University award has been made to Savage.

\* \* \*

The fiction library has now been incorporated in the main library in Room 1.

\* \* \*

Speech Day has been arranged for Thursday, February 4th. The speaker will be the Dean of Worcester.

\* \* \*

The School play, "Badger's Green," will be presented in the Youth Hut on the evenings of December 17th, 18th and 19th.

\* \* \*

Sides Captains are—*Brownies*: Mortimore, Ann Palmer (Arts and Crafts), Sheila George (Games); *Jackals*: Bolt i, Sheila Hall (Arts and Crafts), Sheila Winspear (Games); *Tomtits*: Peace, Mary Bunting (Arts and Crafts), Ann Lidgley (Games).

\* \* \*

During Road Safety Week, a talk was given by P.C. Dubble on "Road Safety." Afterwards all pupils who use bicycles for travelling to School had their machines inspected.

**THE RAIDER**

A silvery moon hung high over the snow-covered fields of farmer Burlingham. The night was quiet but not everything slept. Across a field, leaving a trail in the newly fallen snow, came a large, deep brown coloured fox. He made straight for the farmyard and crossed it like shadow. This certain fox knew his way about. He had been here before, many times; last night, the night before . . . He made for his destination, farmer Burlingham's fowl house which contained his Christmas birds. So far Reynard's attempts to gain an entry into the pen had been unsuccessful; he always tried to dig under, but the pen was too well made. He was beginning to give up hope . . .

The house was in darkness, everyone slept. Old Brutus, Burlingham's dog, slept peacefully except perhaps for a spasmodic kick from a dream-ridden leg. Reynard always gave Brutus a wide berth but really it was unnecessary, for Brutus's senses were blunted with age, and most of his teeth had departed with his youth.

As Reynard neared the fowl house, several uneasy clucks showed that the fowl sensed his presence. He nosed around and for the first time since his first visit to Burlingham's farm, he was lucky. Normally Burlingham was a very careful and efficient man, but to-day he had somewhat foolishly entrusted the safety of his birds to his scatter-brained, imbecile farm lad. The result was, the door had not been properly latched, and at a touch from the fox's nose, it swung open. He looked around and then stole quietly in; a terrified squawk from a big Rhode-Island Red announced the fox's presence was no secret. It took him only a minute or two to finish his work and then, picking up one of the three mutilated bodies, he carried it away. He returned about ten minutes later and carried off the other two, burying them under a pile of leaves.

Meanwhile, in the Burlingham homestead, everyone slept, unawakened by the cluck and squawks of the remaining hens.

In the morning it would be too late. All Burlingham would be able to do would be to follow the trail of blood and feathers. He would find the corpses of the unfortunate hens, but of the raider he would see no sign.

N. J. PINFIELD (IV.A).

**ROAD SAFETY**

Look right, look left, look right again,  
Before you cross the road.  
If everyone obeyed this rule,  
And learnt the Highway Code,  
There would be no more accidents,  
Nobody would get hurt.  
So use the zebra crossings,  
And keep on the alert.

Don't ride no-handed on your bike,  
And don't ignore the lights.  
Make sure your brakes and bell are sound,  
And see that on dark nights  
You have a lamp both front and rear,  
Or else you will be fined.  
So if you walk or if you bike,  
Just keep these rules in mind.

JILL BURFORD (III.A).

### AEROPATTER

I have heard of people being chased by bulls, goats, rams and geese, but never by a massive Stratocruiser which was big enough to know better. However, this unfortunate occurrence befell a coach which I was in at London Airport.

One day in August when I was in London, I decided to go to London Airport and I caught a bus to Victoria Coach Station, where I got in a long queue for a 705 Green Line. The coach came in full, but luckily London Transport put on a double-decker bus as a relief and we managed to get into that.

After a seventy-five minute journey, costing two shillings, we arrived at the airport before opening time and we had to wait until eleven o'clock before the gates to the public enclosure were opened. We paid, walked about fifty yards and then were stopped by airport police, whilst a B.O.A.C. Constellation taxied across our path. We then crossed the taxiway into the public enclosure proper where, besides watching aircraft you can, if you so feel inclined, eat at a restaurant or open-air café, and make journeys on ponies, roundabouts or aircraft; the journeying in the last-named not being confined to the public enclosure—you see quite a lot of London as well.

We saw aircraft belonging to B.E.A., B.O.A.C., P.A.A., T.W.A., T.C.A., K.L.M., S.A.A., P.A.L., T.A.P., S.A.S. Q.A.N.T.A.S., Sabena, Air France, Swissair, Flugfelag Islands H/F, and Island Air Services, who do the pleasure flips.

The largest aircraft to appear was a B.O.A.C. "Monarch" class Stratocruiser just in from New York. An interesting fact about this "Monarch" service is that for the mere sum of just over £254 you can go to New York and back in one of these aircraft and receive free on the journey, meals, champagne, cigars for men, orchids for ladies, toys for children plus the attentions of two stewardesses. However, even the thoughts of all this took a long time to persuade one dear old lady to make the flight. All was well until she saw the aircraft, which happened to be "Cabot," which has the registration G—AKGL. Following the usual practice to aid ground control the last letter of the registration was painted just above the nose wheel. This old lady saw the letter "L" on the Stratocruiser and refused to go because she thought B.O.A.C. ought to put experienced pilots, not learners, in charge of such massive aircraft. However, luckily, the old lady was persuaded that the pilot was very experienced and that "L" on the front of an airplane does not mean the same as "L" on the front of a car.

There are few dull moments at London Airport, and people walking between the public enclosure and the road have to keep an eye open for taxiing aircraft or aircraft being towed around by powerful little tractors.

Before we came away we decided to take a ride round the airport, the perimeter road of which has a total length of fifteen miles, in a vintage Ministry of Civil Aviation coach which was equipped with a loudspeaker and a driver who knew the airport backwards. We had a very interesting running commentary on airport life, although the driver didn't want to

go because England needed fifteen runs to win the Ashes when we started, and the driver wanted to stay and listen to the radio in the control tower.

However, we decided we couldn't help England by staying and listening, so off we went past the customs hall, training offices, stores, etc., to the maintenance hangars, out in the wilds of the airport. The coach had stopped and we were looking at men at work in one of the maintenance hangars, when we heard hornblowing and shouting. As the road we were on was about fifty yards wide we thought that it was just a friend of the driver greeting him. Then, suddenly, someone looked out of the back and there was a Stratocruiser, with the outer starboard propeller in a direct line with the coach, slowly advancing towards us. For some reason our driver decided we had seen enough of that hangar, so, with the Stratocruiser rolling along behind us, off we went to another part of the airport.

We got back to the control tower to hear that England had won the Ashes, much to the joy of everyone, especially the driver, and my friend and I decided it was time to go. After two Green Lines had passed us full, we caught a 222 to Hounslow West and from there an underground train which was, at that place, running on an embankment 25 feet high.

We got to Camden Town much more quickly than if we had gone by bus and the fare was also slightly cheaper. So, we arrived home after eight very enjoyable hours, and just missing the evening rush hour.

R. M. BOLT (VI).

---

### PEACE

There once lived a queen named Crotchety, and she was just like her name—as bad-tempered as could be. King Bollo used to get very tired of paying for new windows, after the queen had lost her temper and thrown a plate through the nearest window.

One day she went too far, as you will hear.

The king was expecting some foreign visitors to sign an important treaty, but when he told the queen this she flew into a temper, and told Bollo that they would have to stay at Gladsome's castle next door, as they were spring-cleaning at the palace.

The visitors arrived, and were told that they would have their meals and sleep at Gladsome's castle, and during the day use the palace gardens, as Gladsome had pigs in his.

The gardens had been made as attractive as possible and, as they looked a bit faded, the garden seats by the lily pond had been painted.

The morning after the visitors had arrived they were very pleased with life, and after breakfast they went into the gardens to look around. They eventually came to the pond and, seeing the seats, they sat down, little knowing that the paint was still wet. After a little while the queen came along and, seeing her crown, the visitors tried to get up and bow. But they were stuck. No matter how they tried, they still stuck. The queen flew into a temper and ordered the men to be taken and shut up.

Meanwhile, the king was very worried, as the visitors should have

been at a meeting at twelve o'clock, and it was one o'clock. Just as he and Gladsome were going to search for them, the queen came in and said that some men had been rude to her, and they must be punished. The king was quite amused to hear that anyone had dared be rude to the queen, and ordered the men to be brought in. They were carried in, and when the king saw what had happened he was most distressed, and told the visitors in their own language (as they didn't speak English) what had happened. They were very angry and threatened to go to war if the bad-tempered queen wasn't taught a lesson. The king didn't want war, so he asked what he should do with the queen.

"Put her in prison," said the chief one.

The king agreed, and ordered the queen to be taken away. She was led to the cell, shouting and screaming at the top of her voice.

The queen was shut up, and at last there was peace, perfect peace. Then, about three months after the treaty had been signed and the visitors had gone, the queen was let out and, surprise of surprises, she turned out to be the kindest, nicest old lady you ever saw. So peace reigned on and on in the palace.

ANN FLETCHER (IV.B).

### WHY DO THEY WEAR THOSE HATS?

Why do women wear those stupid, yes stupid, hats in the cinema?

I was watching a lovely film a short time ago when a lady sat right in front of me. You should have seen her hat! It had two love-birds on the top with feathers and flowers all round them! To make things even better it didn't fit her, and she had to keep taking it off and putting it back on again.

That woman, really, she could see the film, but could I? No! I kept moving from side to side, disturbing everyone behind me, till I was told to keep still. I did, and I couldn't see any of the film. When it came to the exciting part I just had to move and was again told to keep still.

When the interval came I heard the lady (with the hat) talking about me, saying that I was fidgety!

Why can't cinemas have a table at the entrance where silly hats can be left?

SALLIE POOLTON (II.A).

### FAME

In the time of Queen Elizabeth  
Lived many men of fame.  
So many famous men, in fact,  
I cannot write each name.

But some that I will mention  
Do always come to mind.  
Such as the name of Francis Drake,  
And his ship the "Golden Hind."

Mount Everest has been conquered  
By some very gallant men.  
So the spirit of adventure  
Is with us once again.

For another, there is Shakespeare,  
A famous playwright he.  
And visitors to his birthplace  
Come from lands across the sea.

And now in nineteen-fifty-three  
We enter a new reign.  
Another Elizabeth have we,  
And many men of fame.

JOSEPHINE LAZARUS (I.A.).

**SPORTS DAY, 1953**

With examinations behind us we were able to turn our attention to active preparations for our annual sports. The Clerk of the Weather did not fail to realise this and, with his customary perversity, arranged that there should be the series of interruptions to which we have become inured in recent years. No sooner had the running tracks been marked out with white lines than heavy rains obliterated them. No sooner were competitors on the field to run off heats than they were forced indoors by sharp showers. By a stroke of good fortune, however, on the days when the main heats were due to be decided with the whole school assembled on the field, the weather relented and the full programme was able to be completed.

And so we came to July 16th and a bright morning—too bright, so many ventured to say. Their fears seemed likely to be justified, for while the field was receiving its final attentions and the seating accommodation behind the wire (secured to a brand new line of posts this year) was being arranged, one or two showers intervened. But by two o'clock, when a large number of spectators had arrived in spite of the unsettled conditions, the rain seemed to have passed over and proceedings began. Keen competition was displayed in all the events, even though the going was far from good, and it appeared that the gloomy prognostications were unjustified, when, at about half past three, a sudden heavy rainstorm drove everyone to shelter. The effect of this rain was to render impracticable any further field events, and the outdoor part of Sports Day was pronounced at an end.

Spectators hurried indoors to swell the already large throng in the Hall and the Art Room, where the customary display of Arts and Crafts work was on view. Here it was obvious from the work on show that preparations for this part of Sports Day had begun a very long time before examinations finished. It would be invidious to make mention of any individual exhibits, but it was clear that an enormous amount of work had been put into a number of the articles.

The unfinished portion of the outdoor programme was completed in the first half-hour the following morning, before more rain arrived. So, despite our disappointment that Sports Day had not been brought to its anticipated climax of the full assembly on the field and the presentation of awards by Miss C. Chapman, we must consider ourselves fortunate to have been able to round off our programme without any further delay.

The shields, cups and medals were later presented by Mr. Davison to successful competitors at the closing assembly in the canteen on Friday, July 24th.

# RESULTS

(E—Brownies, J—Jackals, T—Tomtits.)

\* Indicates a new record.

## OVER FIFTEEN

### Boys

- 100 yards.—1. Savage i (J); 2. Allen (T); 3. Miller (B); 4. Peace (T). (Time: 11.2 secs.)  
 220 yards.—1. Allen (T); 2. Savage i (J); 3. Miller (B); 4. Peace (T). (Time: 26.0 secs.)  
 440 yards.—1. Savage i (J); 2. Miller (B); 3. Dormand (J); 4. Davis (B). (Time: 59.1 secs.)  
 Half-mile.—1. Savage i (J); 2. Allen (T); 3. Miller (B); 4. Keyte i (J). (Time: 2 mins. 33.1 secs.)  
 Hurdles.—1. Dormand (J); 2. Savage i (J); 3. Trout (J). (Time: 14.1 secs.)  
 Obstacle.—1. Savage i (J); 2. Peace (T); 3. Feast i (J); 4. Gould (J).  
 Slow Bicycle.—1. Shakles (T); 2. Peace (T); 3. Cleeton (T); 4. Trout (J).  
 High Jump.—1. Gould (J); 2. Savage i (J); 3. Aspinwall (T); 4. Trout (J). (Height: 4ft. 7ins.)  
 Cross-country.—1. Miller (B); 2. Davis (B); 3. Keyte i (J); 4. Vernon (J). (Time: 26 mins. 43½ secs.)  
 The Mile.—1. Miller (B); 2. Savage i (J); 3. Allen (T); 4. Davis (B). (Time: 5 mins. 26 secs.)  
 Long Jump.—1. Savage i (J); 2. Gillett (J); 3. Careless (T); 4. Dormand (J). (Distance: 16ft. 4ins.)  
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1. Shakles (T); 2. Bates (T); 3. Miller (B); 4. Davis (B). (Distance: 79 yds. 6 ins.)

### GIRLS

- 100 yards.—1. S. Salmons (B); 2. P. O'Nions (J); 3. K. Norton (J); 4. R. Highman (J). (Time: 12.6 secs.)  
 220 yards.—1. S. Salmons (B); 2. K. Norton (J); 3. B. Pope (J); 4. P. O'Nions (J). (Time: 29.8 secs.)  
 Hurdles.—1. K. Norton (J); 2. P. O'Nions (J); 3. S. Salmons (B); 4. A. Swinglehurst (B). (Time: 13.5 secs.)\*  
 High Jump.—1. S. George (B); 2. P. O'Nions (J); 3. Y. Beesley (T); 4. B. Pope (J). (Height: 4ft. 4½ins.)  
 Throwing the Rounders Ball.—1. S. George (B); 2. A. Lidgley (T); 3. M. Salmons (B). (Distance: 63yds. 2ft. 5½ins.)\*  
 Long Jump.—1. J. Rawbone (J); 2. S. George (B); 3. P. O'Nions (J); 4. R. Highman (J) and J. Smith (J). (Distance: 13ft. 11½ins.)\*  
 Obstacle.—1. S. Salmons (B); 2. P. Draycott (T); 3. K. Norton (J); 4. A. Lidgley (T).

## THIRTEEN—FIFTEEN

### Boys

- 100 yards.—1. Finnemore (B); 2. Grummett (T); 3. Parker (T); 4. Whittaker (B). (Time: 11.8 secs.)  
 220 yards.—1. Grummett (T); 2. Finnemore (B); 3. Parker (T); 4. Stowe (T). (Time: 27.6 secs.)\*  
 Half-mile.—1. Finnemore (B); 2. Stowe (T); 3. Whittaker (B); 4. Parker (T). Time: 2 mins. 31 secs.)\*  
 Slow Bicycle.—1. Finnemore (B); 2. Smart (J); 3. Sale (T); 4. Ludlow (T).  
 Obstacle.—1. Ludlow (T); 2. Parker (T); 3. Finnemore (B); 4. Milward (B).  
 Hurdles.—1. Finnemore (B); 2. Ludlow (T); 3. Stowe (T); 4. Walker (B). (Time: 13.1 secs.)  
 High Jump.—1. Seeney (T); 2. Whittaker (B); 3. Hodson (J); 4. Green (J). (Height: 4ft. 5½ins.)  
 Long Jump.—1. Grummett (T); 2. Whittaker (B); 3. Finnemore (B); 4. Parker (T). (Distance: 15ft. 7½ins.)\*  
 Cross-country.—1. Finnemore (B); 2. Whittaker (B); 3. Parr (T); 4. Parker (T). (Time: 14 mins. 53 secs.)\*  
 Throwing the Cricket Ball.—1. Cooke ii (B); 2. Merris (B); 3. Brazier (T); 4. Milward (B). (Distance: 77yds. 2ft. 2ins.)

### GIRLS

- 100 yards.—1. N. Goldby (J); 2. J. Gordon (J); 3. P. Smith (J); 4. J. Bullock (J). (Time: 13.1 secs.)  
 150 yards.—1. N. Goldby (J); 2. A. Davis (T); 3. P. Smith (J) and B. Whiting (B). (Time: 18.9 secs.)\*  
 Obstacle.—1. B. Whiting (B); 2. A. Compson (J); 3. J. Burden (J); 4. B. Jones (J).  
 High Jump.—1. N. Goldby (J); 2. B. Whitehouse (B); 3. J. Burford (J); 4. J. Bullock (J). (Height: 4ft. 3½ins.)  
 Throwing the Rounders Ball.—1. N. Goldby (J); 2. F. Jackson (B); 3. P. Smith (J). (Distance: 52yds. 2ft. 1in.)  
 Long Jump.—1. A. Davis (T); 2. N. Goldby (J); 3. J. Burford (J); 4. J. Bullock (J). (Distance: 13ft. 6½ins.)\*  
 Hurdles.—1. N. Goldby (J); 2. A. Davis (T); 3. J. Burford (J); 4. J. Bullock (J). (Time: 12.4 secs.)\*



## UNDER THIRTEEN

## Boys

100 yards.—1, Gill (J); 2, Bailey ii (T); 3, Edmonds (T); 4, Bennett ii (B). (Time: 12.5 secs.)\*  
 220 yards.—1, Gill (J); 2, Bailey ii (T); 3, White (J); 4, Bennett ii (B). (Time: 29.4 secs.)\*  
 Obstacle.—1, Cotter (T); 2, Smith ii (J); 3, Downie (B); 4, Langston (J).  
 Sack.—1, Batchelor (B); 2, Langston (J); 3, White (J); 4, Mills iii (J).  
 High Jump.—1, Bailey ii (T); 2, Edmonds (T) and White (J); 4, Mills iii (J). (Height: 3ft. 6ins.)  
 Long Jump.—1, Bailey ii (T); 2, Edmonds (T); 3, Austin (T); 4, White (J). (Distance: 13ft. 2½ins.)  
 Three-legged.—1, Bailey ii and Cotter (T); 2, Billington and Edmonds (T); 3, Waring and Wilshaw (J); 4, Mills iii and White (J).

## Girls

75 yards.—1, C. Down (J); 2, M. Sutor (B); 3, J. Chatwin (B); 4, A. Wesson (B). (Time: 10.4 secs.)  
 150 yards.—1, N. Pinfield (B); 2, A. Wesson (B); 3, M. Sutor (B); 4, E. Stewart (J). (Time: 21.8 secs.)  
 Obstacle.—1, J. Dugmore (B); 2, C. Down (J); 3, S. Poolton (B); 4, S. Tilsley (B).  
 High Jump.—1, C. Down (J); 2, M. Norden (B); 3, E. Gregory (B); 4, E. Stewart (J). (Height: 4ft. 1½ins.)  
 Hop, Step and Jump.—1, A. Bird (B); 2, E. Stewart (J); 3, M. Norden (B); 4, C. Down (J). (Distance: 26ft. 8ins.)\*  
 Throwing the Rounders Ball.—1, E. Gregory (B); 2, P. Cund (T); 3, S. Tilsley (B). (Distance: 39yds. 1ft. lin.)

## OTHER EVENTS

Tug of War (Boys).—1, Tomtits; 2, Brownies.  
 Relay (Boys).—1, Tomtits; 2, Brownies; 3, Jackals.  
 Relay (Girls over 15).—1, Jackals; 2, Brownies.  
 Relay (Girls under 15).—1, Tomtits; 2, Brownies.

The following presentations were made:—

Victor Ludorum Cup.—Savage i (47 points).  
 Victrix Ludorum Cup.—Susan Salmons (18 points).  
 Junior Victrix Ludorum Cup.—Norma Goldby (33 points).  
 Bronze Medals.—Davis, Grummett, Parker, Allen, Gill, Ann Davis, Kathleen Norton.  
 Silver Medals.—Savage i, Miller, Whittaker, Finnemore, Bailey ii, Susan Salmons, Sheila George, Pamela O'Nions, Norma Goldby, Christine Down.  
 Cross-country Cup.—Jackals.  
 Sports Shield.—Jackals (589 points). Tomtits scored 497 points and Brownies 390 points.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS COMPETITIONS

The following awards were made:—

Bronze Medals.—Ann Holt, Hartley i, Patricia Aspinwall, Hobbs, Priscilla Apperley, Judith Davis, Josephine Holt, Joan Hodgetts, Ruth Highman, Lancaster, Feast ii.  
 Silver Medals.—Jill Bunting, Margaret Salmons, Finnemore, Valerie Baseley, Downie, Mortimore, Ross.  
 "Edith Deans" Memorial Trophy.—Jill Bunting.  
 Arts and Crafts Shield.—Brownies (1,648 points). Tomtits scored 1,083 points and Jackals 796 points.

## IN THE MUD

One day I went for a walk with my sister and two friends. The grass was wet because it had been raining during the night. When we had crossed two fields we came to a little wooden stile, under which ran a little stream. My sister saw a funny-shaped stick on some mud underneath the bridge, so she jumped onto a ledge in the bank and onto the mud (which she thought was firm). Her feet started to sink into the mud, which was about two feet deep. My two friends and I helped her to get out, and when we finally managed to get her onto the bank she started crying. One of my friends ran home with her and my other friend and I walked briskly behind. When I reached home there were two muddy shoes outside to greet me.

JANET BIDDLE (I.B.).

### **A DANGEROUS OCCUPATION**

The financial side of professional cycle racing is usually the attraction, which leads to men and women taking up this sport. A regular competitor may get paid anything from twenty-five to six hundred pounds a week.

A professional time-trialist in this country such as Eileen Sheridan or Ken Joy, who both ride under contract for Hercules Cycles Limited, is paid about twenty to thirty pounds a week with a bonus every time a record is broken. The rider needs to be heavily insured and this insurance, plus wages, is considered to cover all the hazards that are encountered on a record attempt which may be over four hundred miles long, as is the Lands End to John o' Groats. Wet roads play havoc with a bicycle's steering when being ridden at over twenty-five miles an hour. Risks are trebled when one has to ride through the congested streets of a busy town at a speed which seems impossible, in such conditions, for anything but a motor-cycle.

Massed start racing is even tougher than time-trialing and is essentially a man's race. In continental road races deaths sometimes occur. In the world's greatest stage race, the Tour de France, in which the world professional road champion, Fausto Coppi, of Italy, was offered £25,000 just to ride, at least one death a year occurs. Coppi himself saw his brother hurled over the edge of a ravine in the Pyrenees in 1951, as they descended a mountain pass at fifty miles an hour. These top-class riders earn much more money than the best British riders because the races in which they ride are sponsored by prosperous firms.

Track racing rarely causes fatal injuries to riders, even though speeds of forty miles per hour are quite normal. Nevertheless, being thrown from a cycle travelling at even twenty miles an hour on a 45-degree banking can break bones and tear a considerable amount of skin off hands and arms.

These riders are heavily insured against any kind of injury. Three weeks in bed will be more expensive to a rider's performance than to his pocket.

Unless it is paying out well the "bike game" is a hard and thankless sport.

J. AULTON (V.B).

---

### **HOW GIRAFFES GOT THEIR LONG NECKS**

Once upon a time in the land of giraffes there was a drought. All the grass and juicy green leaves, which giraffes love to eat, dried up.

A young giraffe and his mother were wandering along one day feeling very hungry. They had not had anything to eat for two days. The only food there was grew on the tops of the trees where there were a few green leaves. The giraffes in those days had short necks so they could not reach the leaves.

As they were walking along they came to a tree with a lot of leaves at the top. The mother said to her child: "If I lift you up will you stretch your neck and try and pull down a branch with some leaves on?"

He said he would try, so she lifted him up. He stretched and stretched, but still he could not quite reach the branch. Just then some more hungry giraffes came along and started to encourage him. "Stretch, stretch," they shouted. At last he just managed to pull down a branch, and his mother put him down. But, oh dear, his neck had been stretched so much that it would not go back to its original length. Ever since that day giraffes have been born with long necks.

ROSALIND SAWYER (III.B).

### BLACKY

We have never had a pet of any sort, only chickens, but you could not exactly call them pets, could you?

Then one cold November evening I heard a noise outside, not a loud one, but still a noise. It was like someone scratching on a piece of wood, and also a whimper. My family said I must have been mistaken, but I did not think so. When I reached the door the scratching and whimpering had stopped. I opened the door and looked out. It was dark and damp as well as raining. I was going to shut the door when I heard another whimper. I bent down and shone my torch around. And there, to my utter amazement, was a small black kitten; his fur was wet and bedraggled and stood up on end. His eyes had a frightened look. I took him inside and put him in front of the fire to dry. Blacky, that is what we called him, stayed with us a few weeks. Then, one day, he disappeared. We hunted high and low but could not find any trace of him. Blacky never came back. I should like to know where he came from and where he went. Would not you?

DIANE DAY (II.B).

### OXFORD EXAMINATIONS FOR GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION

In the examinations held in July, the following pupils obtained certificates:—

#### Vith Form (2nd and 3rd Years)

A—Advanced level. O—Ordinary level.

P. M. E. Aspinwall, *French* (A), *Pure Mathematics* (O); B. J. Druller, *English* (A), *Latin* (A), *French* (A); P. M. Elmore, *History* (A), *Biology* (O); B. Goward, *English* (A), *French* (A); J. A. W. Savage, *Pure Mathematics* (A), *Applied Mathematics* (A), *Physics* (A).

#### Vith Form (1st Year)

All ordinary level.

J. A. K. V. Aalbrecht, *English Language*, *English Literature*, *Biology*; W. H. L. Feast, *English Language*, *Additional Mathematics*; K. J. Highman, *Domestic Subjects*; M. J. Paxton, *English Language*.

## Yth Form

All ordinary level

J. S. Aspinwall, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; M. J. Bennett, *English Language, French, History, Art, Biology*; M. Bryan, *English Language, English Literature, History, Art, Chemistry, Domestic Subjects*; S. A. Bullingham, *English Language*; J. Bunting, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Art, Mathematics, Domestic Subjects*; M. A. Cleeton, *English Language, History, Geography, Art, Mathematics, Physics*; J. B. Cooper, *English Language, French, History, Geography, Art, Mathematics*; B. D. Cottrill, *Art, Mathematics, Chemistry*; P. A. T. Davis, *English Literature, English Language, French, Latin, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J. A. Davis, *English Language, French, Geography, Art, Mathematics, Biology, Domestic Subjects*; E. A. Dearden, *English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Biology*; A. C. Digby, *English Language, Mathematics*; G. S. Dormand, *History, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry*; S. K. George, *History, Geography, Art, Domestic Subjects*; L. A. Gibbs, *English Language, English Literature, Geography, Chemistry*; G. W. Gillett, *History, Geography, Mathematics*; D. M. Hancox, *English Language, English Literature, History*; B. F. Harrison, *English Language, Latin, French, Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry*; G. M. Hartley, *English Language, French, Mathematics, Biology*; P. Hockney, *English Language, French, Mathematics*; G. D. Keyte, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, History, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; J. Keyte, *History, Geography, Chemistry*; P. Lane, *English Language, English Literature, History, Art, Mathematics, Biology*; D. T. Leadbetter, *Geography, Mathematics, Chemistry*; M. W. Ledbury, *Art*; N. E. Malin, *English Language, English Literature*; S. A. Merris, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, History, Geography, Mathematics*; B. C. Miller, *English Language, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry*; M. E. Newick, *English Language, French, History*; K. M. Norton, *English Language, History, Geography*; P. Palmer, *English Language, English Literature, French, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology*; R. M. Parker, *English Language, Art, Biology*; J. M. Roberts, *English Language, French, History, Art, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology*; M. Salmons, *English Language, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Domestic Subjects*; S. M. Salmons, *English Language, Latin, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Domestic Subjects*; C. J. Shakles, *English Language, Mathematics*; C. R. Skinner, *English Language, English Literature, French, History, Mathematics, Chemistry*; J. Smith, *French, Art, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology*; S. M. Taylor, *Mathematics, Biology, Domestic Subjects*; I. R. Trout, *Art, Mathematics*; K. J. Vernon, *English Language*; P. A. Wellum, *English Language, English Literature, History, Art*; H. M. Wilkes, *English Language, Mathematics, Chemistry*; S. M. Winspear, *English Language, English Literature, Latin, French, History, Geography, Mathematics, Biology*.

### **THE SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY**

This Term our numbers have decreased, but we have several new members. At our first meeting, Beard was elected chairman, Lewis i secretary, and Smith i and Dyke i to the committee.

Most members have now given a paper on such subjects as jet engines, space travel, cinematography, and we have also had a visit from the Radio Society.

R. LEWIS (Secretary).

---

### **AEROMODELLING SOCIETY**

The members have begun making several interesting models, gliders, jets and solid types. The Radio Section is making a small receiver (in the amateur 40 metre waveband). It is hoped to award a prize for the most proficient modeller. The prize will consist of an aeroplane "kit."

P. COTTER (Secretary).

---

### **A.G.S. PLATOON, 7/11 WARWICKSHIRE BATTALION, ARMY CADET FORCE**

This year our number has increased to twenty-four cadets, eleven of whom are new recruits. There have been a number of promotions of some of last year's cadets. Former cadets Bates, Oseland and Thornton, who is assistant Quartermaster, are now lance-corporals; lance-corporals Davis and Dormand are now corporals; lance-corporal Mortimore is now Quartermaster sergeant and corporal Miller is now a sergeant.

Last Term, a team of six cadets took part in the Inter-Battalion sports at the Lucas Sports Ground, Solihull. The team was fairly successful and brought home eight prizes, and helped our Battalion to capture the sports cup. Corporal Dormand represented Warwickshire in the semi-finals of the hurdles in the Inter-Brigade sports at London.

Twelve of last year's cadets attended the summer camp at Cark-in-Cartmel, near Morecambe, from 26th July to 2nd August. A good time was had by all. All passed certificate "A" Part I examination. We would like to thank Captain Wheeler and all the other officers of the Alcester Company for their help and generosity. Unfortunately, neither Lieutenant Bell nor Lieutenant McAlister was able to attend.

This Term we have been greatly helped by the addition of five rifles and a Bren Light Machine Gun to the armoury. The senior cadets are now training on the Bren for their Certificate "A" Part II examination.

The senior N.C.O's. are helping to train the new recruits by teaching them drill and rifle drill.

Fifteen cadets attended the Remembrance Service at Alcester Parish Church on Sunday, 8th November, with the Alcester Cadets' Band.

A cadet party is being held at School on Friday, 11th December, in the canteen.

B. C. MILLER (Platoon Sergeant).

### THE COUNTRY DANCE SOCIETY

*Secretary:* S. Winspear.

*Treasurer:* A. Lidgely.

*Committee:* P. Husband, B. Pope, R. Highman.

We have been joined this Term by many new members from the Lower School. These girls are very enthusiastic and have learnt to dance quickly.

We have not been able to buy any new records so far this Term owing to the paying off of the debt from the Summer Party. Now, however, we have cleared the debt by our weekly subscriptions, and hope soon to increase our repertoire of dances.

The party which was held at the end of the last Summer Term was enjoyed by those who attended.

We are hoping to hold two more Christmas Parties at the end of Term, one for the Lower School and one for the Upper School.

A. L. LIDGEY.

---

### DRAMATIC SOCIETY

*President:* Keyte.

*Secretary:* Peace.

*Treasurer:* Goward.

*Social Secretary:* J. Bunting.

Before officials were elected, some of our former members helped in an outside activity, namely, the organising of a "Forces Quiz" as part of the Alcester Cadet Week entertainments. Keyte acted as chairman, Aulton as question-master, and Peace as scorer, in a series of questions in which the challenging team of Sgt. Miller soundly vanquished that of Cpl. Davis.

This Term we started with our largest membership for some years. During the first few weeks of the Term we concentrated on our usual activities: "Twenty Questions," "The Name's the Same," "Forces Quiz," Miming, and "One Minute, Please." As a special treat we had a Beetle Drive.

Lately, we have been rehearsing for the School play, which this year is to be "Badger's Green," by R. C. Sherriff. We are hoping to perform this at the Youth Hut, School Road, Alcester, on December 17th, 18th and 19th. We hope to see as many there as possible.

J. E. P.

---

### THE PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY

This Term we have met in the Music Room, which is converted into a dark room on Friday afternoons. We have had one lecture this Term, a manuscript lecture on "How to obtain better prints," and we are to have a demonstration on "Correct Development" later this Term.

We have purchased an enlarging lens, and the enlarger is now in full working order. It is used most Fridays, and so far results are promising.

One Friday we spent the afternoon taking photographs of the School, the best of which is to be used on the School Christmas card.

SHEILA A. HALL (Hon. Treasurer).

### SCOUTS

Since Mr. Ames has left, Mr. Winter has taken over his duties as Scoutmaster. At the end of the Summer Term most of the Troop attended a week's camp at Beaudesert, Cannock Chase, Staffordshire. The Patrol under Careless' command won the camp pennant for the week.

At the beginning of the Autumn Term new recruits joined the Troop. Steady progress has been made, and we hope to have them invested as Scouts by Christmas.

M. WHITTAKER (T.L.).

---

### GUIDES

This Term a Guide Company has been formed, and Miss Smith is our Captain. There are four Patrols, with an average of six Guides in a Patrol. The meetings are held in the Art Room.

As far as activities are concerned, the younger members are working enthusiastically for their Tenderfoot, and the P.L.s, who all have their Second Class, are working for proficiency badges and towards the goal of First Class. An inter-Patrol competition is taking place, for which marks are given every week.

At the beginning of the Term, nine of the Guides were taken on a hike, which they thoroughly enjoyed.

On Friday, October 31st, a District Commissioner from Queensland, Australia, paid a visit to our Company. She spoke to us for a short time about Guiding in Queensland and about the large sisterhood of Guiding throughout the world. Many of our Company will now be keeping in touch by correspondence with some Guides from Queensland.

Patrol Leaders are: Gwyneth Richards (Swallows), Ann Davis (Kingfishers), Pat Rose (Blackbirds) and Ann Teel (Robins).

BARBARA HARRISON.

---

### FOOTBALL

*Captain*: Peace.

*Vice-Captain*: Allen.

*Secretary*: Keyte.

As usual, we have lost half of our old players, but the present team shows promise although the results do not indicate this. We started the season by losing to Bromsgrove, but against Redditch we had a disappointing draw. The match against Evesham proved fruitful and we had our first win, but since then there has been a steady decline owing to our spasmodic play and to a lack of team spirit. However, we hope to make better progress in the future. So far, the team has been picked from the following:—Davis, Bolt ii, Pinfield, Bates, Cleeton, Careless, Stowe, Bailey i, Milward, Allen, Peace.

### RESULTS

- A.G.S. v. Bromsgrove C.H.S. (home), lost, 2—7.  
 „ v. Redditch C.H.S. (home), drawn, 4—4.  
 „ v. Evesham (away), won, 7—2.  
 „ v. Hanley Castle (home), lost, 2—14.  
 „ v. Chipping Campden (away), lost, 3—5.  
 „ v. Bromsgrove C.H.S. (away), lost, 3—6.

J.E.P.

## HOCKEY

*Captain* : S. Winspear.      *Vice-Captain* : S. George.  
*Secretary* : M. Bunting.

Practices held regularly this Term on Thursday evenings and Monday and Friday dinner-hours, were attended enthusiastically, especially by members of the second and third forms.

Both teams have proved quite successful this Term, having good victories over Hugh Clopton and Worcester. The first XI closely defeated Chipping Campden in an exciting match, but were defeated both by Studley College and in a return match with Chipping Campden.

The first XI once again attended the Warwickshire Inter-Schools Hockey Rally at Leamington, and although we could not retain the Warwickshire championship, we did very well in only getting one point less than the winners, Edgbaston. We must congratulate Pamela O'Nions on being selected to play for the Warwickshire Junior second XI.

The first XI has been represented by : M. Scott; A. Lidgely, M. Bunting; A. Davis, S. Winspear, K. Richards; R. Highman, A. Swinglehurst, S. George, P. O'Nions, J. Bullock; and also H. Horton and B. Pope.

The second XI has been represented by : H. Horton; J. Bunting, J. Morgan; M. Norden, B. Pope, J. Dixon; P. Fowler, G. Richards, J. Rawbone, A. Bluck, P. Draycott; P. Smith, E. Manning, C. Down, A. Yeomans.

## RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st XI.	v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (home), won, 4—0.
..	v. Worcester G.S. (home), won, 5—1.
..	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (away), won, 3—2.
..	v. Studley College (home), lost, 1—4.
..	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (away), lost, 5—7.
..	At Leamington Rally. Won 2, drew 2.
A.G.S. 2nd XI.	v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (home), won, 3—2.
..	v. Worcester G.S. (home), won, 2—0.
..	v. Chipping Campden G.S. (away), lost 0—1.

S.W.

## NETBALL

*Captain* : S. George.      *Vice-Captain* : J. Rawbone.

Although we have lost four members of our first team, this has not discouraged the rest of the players, and so far we have been successful in both our netball matches this Term. We have two more fixtures for the latter part of the Term and hope we shall be successful in these, too.

The Junior Team have also been playing well and won their first match this Term.

Practices have been held during Tuesday and Thursday dinner hours, and occasionally on Thursday nights.

The teams have consisted of :—

1st VII : A. O'Dell, A. Davis, P. O'Nions, J. Rawbone, A. Swinglehurst, S. Winspear, S. George.



Junior VII : E. Stewart, S. Tilsley, M. Scott, J. Bullock, A. Bluck, J. Burford, A. Fletcher.

### RESULTS

A.G.S. 1st VII. v. Studley College (home), won, 13—8.  
 v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), won, 16—5.  
 A.G.S. Junior VII. v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), won, 10—4.

S. K. G.

### SUPPLEMENTARY RESULTS

The following completes the record of matches played last Term :—

#### CRICKET

A.G.S. 1st XI. v. Hanley Castle G.S. (home), lost, 20—21 for 1.  
 " v. Hanley Castle G.S. (away), lost, 40—82 for 4.  
 " v. Worcester J.T.S. (away), drawn, 70 for 6 (dec.)—37 for 4.  
 " v. Redditch C.H.S. (away), lost, 48—50 for 3.  
 " v. Old Scholars (home), drawn, 82 for 9—105 for 6 (dec.).  
 " v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), lost, 62—156 for 7 (dec.).  
 SIDES: Tomtits 64, Brownies 32; Jackals 67, Brownies 58; Tomtits 74 for 6, Jackals 45.  
 SIDES: (Junior): Tomtits 76, Brownies 32; Jackals 55 for 6, Tomtits 53; Brownies 58, Jackals 43.

#### ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
A.G.S. 1st XI .....	11	1	7	3

Colours were awarded to Feast i and Lane.

#### TENNIS

A.G.S. 1st VI. v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (home), won, 9—0.  
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 4—5.  
 " v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), won, 9—0.  
 " v. Worcester C.G.S. (home), abandoned.  
 " v. Alcester Tennis Club (home), won, 6—3.  
 A.G.S. 2nd VI. v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (home), won, 8—1.  
 SIDES: Jackals 7, Brownies 2; Brownies 8, Tomtits 1; Jackals 6, Tomtits 2.  
 Mavis Bennett played in three matches for the 1st VI.

#### ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost
A.G.S. 1st VI. ....	9	6	3

Colours were awarded to M. Bunting and A. Swinglehurst.

#### ROUNDERS

A.G.S. 1st IX. v. Hugh Clopton S.M.S. (home), won, 16—2.  
 " v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), won, 10½—2.  
 " v. Bromsgrove C.H.S. (away), drawn, 1½—1½.  
 " v. Chipping Campden G.S. (home), won, 16—3½.  
 A.G.S. 2nd IX. v. Evesham P.H.G.S. (away), lost, 3—5.  
 " v. Bromsgrove C.H.S. (away), lost, 3—5.  
 A.G.S. "A" IX. v. Worcester C.G.S. (home), lost, 1—4.  
 SIDES: Tomtits 7½, Brownies 3; Jackals 9, Tomtits 3½; Jackals 4½, Brownies 3½.  
 In addition to those mentioned last Term, P. Husband played in the 2nd IX.

#### ANALYSIS

	Played	Won	Lost	Drawn
A.G.S. 1st IX. ....	8	7	—	1
A.G.S. 2nd IX. ....	6	2	4	—

Colours were awarded to J. Rawbone, K. Richards, M. Salmons, H. Smith and J. Smith.

#### SUBSCRIPTION RATES

*Per copy* : One shilling and a Penny.

*By post* : Four shillings post free, payable in advance, for any three consecutive issues.